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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YUJI SHIMIZU : EXAMINER: PORTER, R. L.  
SERIAL NO: 09/642,227 :  
FILED: AUGUST 21, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3626  
FOR: MERCHANDISE PLANNING AND :  
DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
THE SAME, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

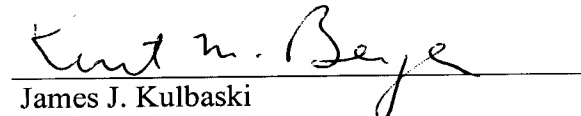
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview granted Applicants' representative on May 6, 2008, at which time the outstanding rejection of the claims was discussed. In particular, Applicant's representative explained that Claim 30 requires that the opinion information be entered prior to manufacture of and use of the product, unlike the disclosure of the cited Abelow reference. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the rejection in light of the Amendment filed April 29, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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